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Dockets Of U. S. Courts Crowded During War With Applications Of Aliens

Naturalization of foreigners, including subjects of this country's enemy, has been permitted by the government during the time of war, and as a consequence many men, who are of German birth, are making applications for their citizenship papers.

In some of the large cities of the country that are inhabited by many foreigners the naturalization offices have been flooded with applications for citizenship, and as a result the Circuit Courts have been called upon to examine the applicants and issue naturalization papers, where it is found justified.

The naturalization of alien enemies during the war has been made conditional. Men of foreign birth who desire to volunteer in the army are granted an immediate admission to

citizenship. These modifications and emergency provisions have brought thousands of aliens to the naturalization offices in the cities making it impossible for the officers in charge to pass on all cases in due time.

MILK IN WINTER.

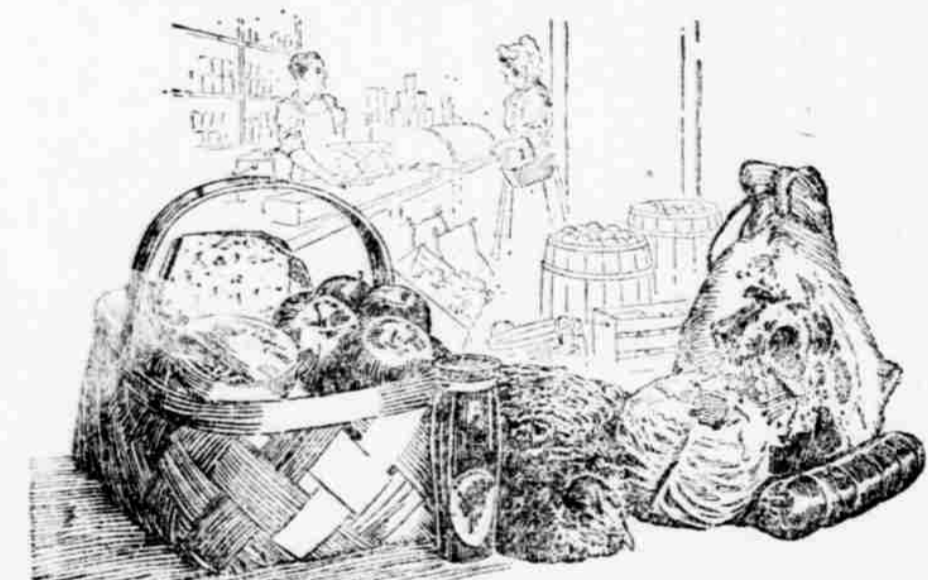
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MASS MEETING UNANIMOUS FOR \$200,000 BRIDGE BOND

Business And Professional Men Tell Why Drainage Spans Are Needed—Cape Losing Enormous Amount of Trade.

The reasons for the calling of a special election to vote \$200,000 of bonds for the construction of permanent bridges across the drainage channel on the Rock Levee Road, were discussed from all angles at the mass meeting at the court house yesterday evening, presided over by Mayor H. H. Haas.

About 100 men from all over the township attended the meeting, many being called upon to express their views of the proposed bond election. At the close of the meeting it was decided to appoint a committee to take charge of the campaign through out the township and to arrange for meetings at various places in the township in order to convey to the voters and taxpayers the necessity of voting the bonds.

Harry E. Alexander, one of the leading attorneys of this county, was the first speaker. He explained why he believed the bond issue should carry in this township. He pointed out the injury inflicted upon the business of the city for the reason that no connection existed between Cape Girardeau and the southern counties, since the temporary bridges over the diversion channel and the drainage ditches had been washed away.

Constructing permanent bridges, he said, would be cheaper than building temporary spans, which were likely to be washed out by every heavy rain, he said. Figuring the cost of the temporary bridges at \$1,500 to \$2,000, he said, enough money would soon be wasted to pay for the construction of a concrete bridge, which would be a permanent structure. Besides, he added, the loss of business which has been estimated at \$1,000 a day, would soon exceed the loss by the way of additional taxation resulting from the issuance of bridge and road bonds.

Attorney A. M. Spradling and E. J. Deal spoke of the inconvenience of traveling to the neighboring counties adjoining Cape Girardeau County in the South, since the drainage bridges had been destroyed by the flood. Permanent bridges would eventually have to be built, they said, and there would be no way to circumvent the construction of these permanent spans.

The sooner the bridges were built, the better it would be for the business man as well as for the farmers and the property owner. In as much as the funds derived from taxation were too small to defray the expense of erecting permanent bridges across the channels, a bond issue would be the only practical solution of the problem, said the speakers.

Benson C. Hardesty, another attorney, dwelt on the suggestion made by some opponents of the bond issue to have the State Legislature enact a law compelling the drainage company to pay for the construction of the bridges. This would be improbable, he said, for the reason that the burden of financing the construction of the bridges had already been determined by law and by the courts and that in all probability no Legislature could be found that would change these laws.

Clyde A. Vandivort, one of the leading business men of this city and a supporter of the proposed bond issue, told of the development of the lands, once known as the swamps of Southeast Missouri, and from which Cape Girardeau would yield an enormous amount of business within the next two or three years, provided proper connections were established and maintained with the district that is now under the course of development.

He said he had spent several weeks in Stoddard and Scott Counties and had observed the wonderful progress in farming in these two counties during the last three months. In two or three years these two counties, he said, would offer the business men of Cape Girardeau a vast source of revenue for their business. The farmer and every property owner of the city would benefit as well as the merchant by the prosperity resulting from the increase of business coming from these two counties.

Ex-Mayor Will Hirsch called the present bridge situation ridiculous. The business men and property owners, he said, could not go to sleep, while Cairo and other cities south of

STODDARD DRAFT RECORDS WIPED OUT BY FLAMES

Fire Believed Incendiary Follows Threat Letters To Local Board

ADJUTANT-GENERAL JOINS INVESTIGATION

No Clew Found Leading To Identity Of Suspects Who Caused The Fire

Bloomfield, Mo., June 12.—Following up a clew that is believed to lead to the men who are suspected of having set fire to the Stoddard County Trust building in this city destroying all records of the selective draft registration, Sheriff Oscar O'Neil left the city tonight on a mysterious trip in an effort to locate two men, who were seen in an automobile near the building shortly after the fire was discovered. The authorities would not state the purpose of the sheriff's leaving the city nor his destination, but it is believed he went to Advance in search of the suspects.

The Trust building, in which were stored all draft records of Stoddard County, both of 1917 and 1918, was destroyed by fire, which was discovered about 1:30 o'clock this morning. The entire building, one of the largest in Southeast Missouri, was burned; only the walls remained.

That the origin of the fire was incendiary is indicated by the fact that a strong odor of coal oil was detected by those who reached the building first. The room, in which the records of the draft were kept was a mass of flames when the fire fighters arrived. It is believed that the flames originated in this room.

Other records kept by professional men, who had their offices in the trust building, were also consumed by the flames. Whether any valuable papers of the Stoddard County Trust Co., which occupies the first floor, were burned is not yet known, and will not

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be known until the debris has been moved away. It is believed by the officers of the bank, however, that the vault offered protection against the flames.

Anonymous letters received by the local board of Stoddard County, threatening to kill the members of the board, or to blow up the building in which the records were kept, were received during the last few weeks, but were destroyed with the building. Thus the only clew that could have led to the identity of the writers of these letters was wiped out.

The local board members expressed the opinion that the building might have been fired by some one who had no meritorious claim for exemption and hoped to be freed from the draft by destroying the registration records, ignorant of the fact that a triple record was kept of the registration cards.

According to Sheriff O'Neil the fire started in the center of the room where the board kept its records. When the first man reached the building, it was noticed that a hole had been burned through the second floor and the ceiling of the room occupied by the local board was scroched. This would indicate, the sheriff said that the records had been piled up in the middle of the room and saturated with coal oil to be burned. The door leading to the office of Dr. J. W. Tribble was found open. This door, the sheriff stated, had always been locked.

The entire stock in the drug store of J. W. Feris, ex-senator, was de-

stroyed. A can containing several gallons of wood alcohol exploded, blowing out part of the building. All fixtures in the barbershop of Ben Pryor were also burned. This shop was located directly beneath the room in which the local board had its offices.

Others who lost their offices and contents are: Dr. S. S. Davis, Dr. D. A. Sloan and Dr. Paul E. Tribble, all three dentists, who had their offices on the second floor. The offices of ex-Senator Ferris and Attorney H. S. Green and the insurance offices of W. E. Green were a complete loss, as none of these men had any insurance on their books and office fixtures.

According to Prosecuting Attorney George Munger, who, with Sheriff O'Neil, is investigating possible clues that might lead to the arrest of the men suspected of having started the fire, an automobile was seen leaving the city at a high rate of speed just a short time before the blaze in the Trust building was discovered.

No records are now in the hands of the local board to show the number of men and the names of the registrants for this year. While the original registration certificates issued last year were destroyed, the duplicates are in the hands of the district board and also of the adjutant general of the State, but no records are left of the last registration, June 5. With the original registration certificates of last year the questionnaires issued by the board on the first registration were also destroyed by the fire.

BUILDING OF SHIPS EXCEEDS SINKINGS

U-Boat Attacks Off The American Coast Speed Up Construction Of Vessels.

Washington, June 12.—Since German submarines began their raids off the Atlantic coast on May 25, the output of the shipyards building vessels has exceeded the sinking of American ships by more than 100,000 dead weight tons. The production during this interval has been 21 vessels, totaling 130,642 tons. Excluding the vessels salvaged, the submarines destroyed 10 American ships totaling 26,000 tons.

Six ships were completed during the first week of June. They totaled 24,436 tons. In the same time there were 14 launchings, totaling 75,470 tons. Seven of the ships launched were steel and seven wood.

The Baltimore Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company today telegraphed Director General Schwab that a 6450-ton steel steamer would be launched there next Monday in less than 40 working days. As the ship is being built on the longitudinal system, which requires more time than the transverse system of construction, the time is considered excellent.

Recent acts of Congress, principally the espionage act, have so burdened the dockets of the federal courts in all parts of the country that it is almost placed out of question to hear the naturalization cases and admit any of the applicants to citizenship. Since the government has begun the prosecution of men charged with disloyalty and sedition, the applications for citizenship have been postponed, thus increasing the number from term to term.

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